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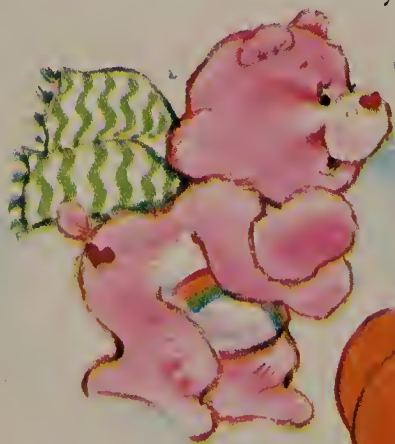
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Invitation

Come and caper with the Care Bears
as they rhyme around the year!
They have a poem for every month.
Your birthday month is here!

From January's icy cold
to August's warming sun,
the Care Bears have a poem to share
and *you* can join the fun!

Here's your private invitation.
You are promised a good time.
Every month's a celebration
that is rolled into a rhyme!

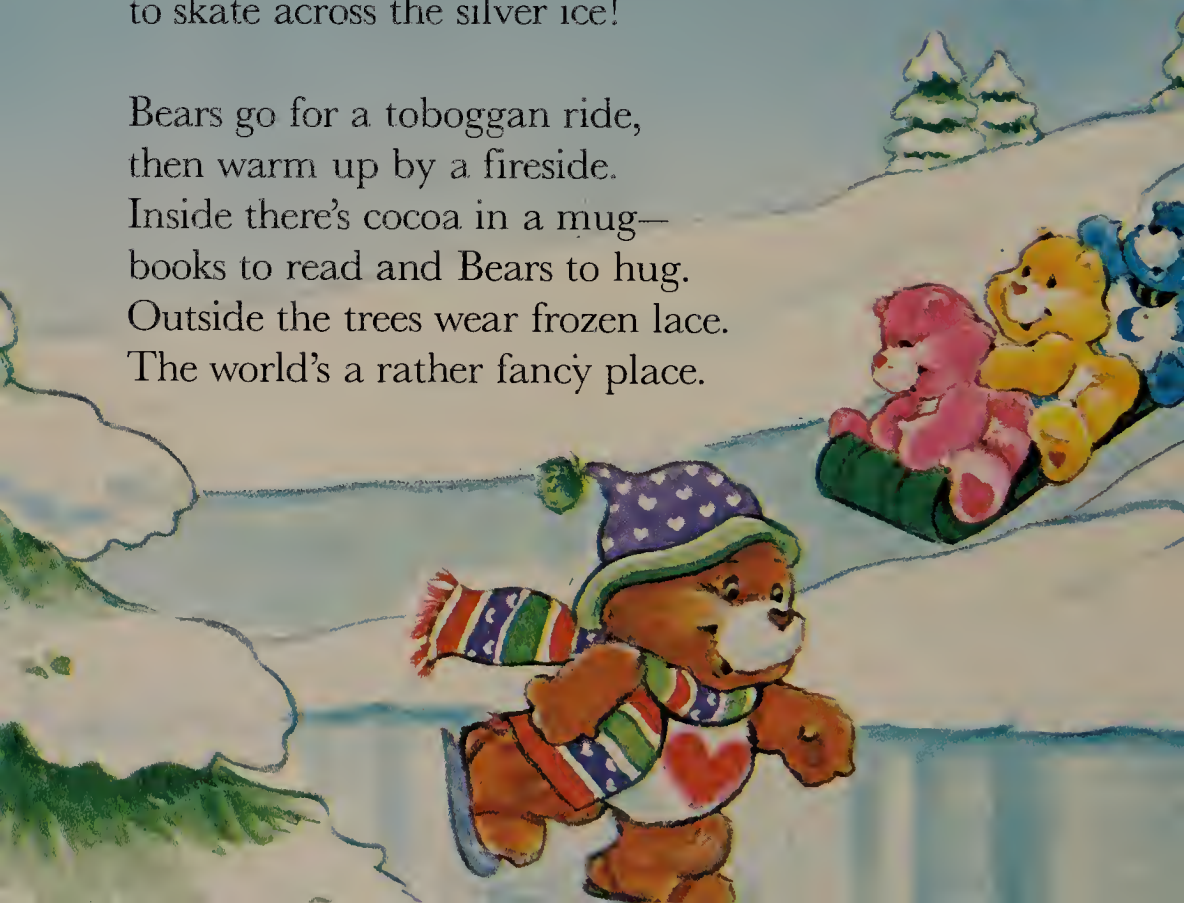




January

“Happy New Year!” the Care Bears say.
This is the month the Care Bears play
in fluffy piles of crystal snow
sparkling in the sun’s pale glow.
They glide! They slide! It’s oh so nice
to skate across the silver ice!

Bears go for a toboggan ride,
then warm up by a fireside.
Inside there’s cocoa in a mug—
books to read and Bears to hug.
Outside the trees wear frozen lace.
The world’s a rather fancy place.







February

It's two days shorter than the rest,
but Love-a-Lot likes this month best!
She cuts out hearts and paper lace
for valentines on which she'll place
a message full of love and joy
to send to every girl and boy.
"Do you love me?" "Please say you're mine!"
She writes on every valentine.
The other Care Bears join the fun.
It's valentines for everyone!



March

Winter still can blast and blow
and make the Care Bears' noses glow.
But when it's mild and the wind's just right,
each Care Bear likes to fly a kite.
Catching the breeze at the end of a string,
Care Bears know it will soon be spring!
Little by little the days grow longer.
The nights are shorter. The sun is stronger.
Winter was fun, but it's almost over.
The snow-tattered hill will soon wear clover!







April

“April showers bring May flowers,”
Tenderheart explains.
And so though it may rain for hours,
not a Bear complains.
Underneath their bright umbrellas,
splashing to and fro,
Care Bears scamper through the showers,
always on the go.
Easter comes! It’s bright and sunny.
The Care Bears greet the Easter Bunny.



May

Hurrah! Hurrah!
The month is May!
It's time to sing!
It's time to play!

It's time for Care Bears
to start prancing
and weave a rainbow
while they're dancing!





June

In June the Care Bears like to go
to meadows where wild flowers grow.
Daisies, bluebells, Queen Anne's lace,
bend and beckon, bow in place.

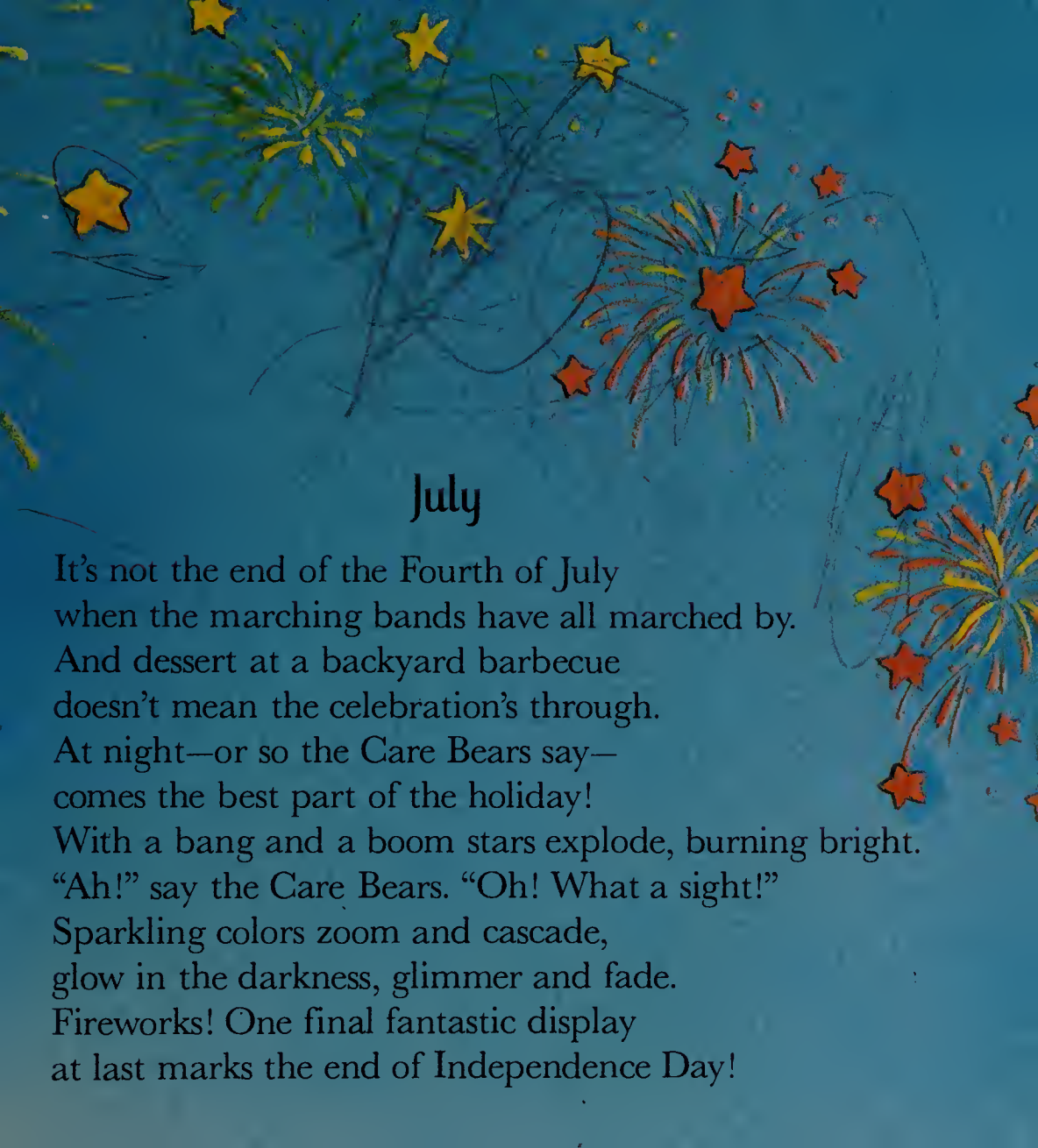
Above the flutter of butterflies,
a fleet of cloud ships sails the skies,
and changing creatures seem to be
floating on a clear blue sea.

In June while darting sunbeams play,
there's time to dream the day away.







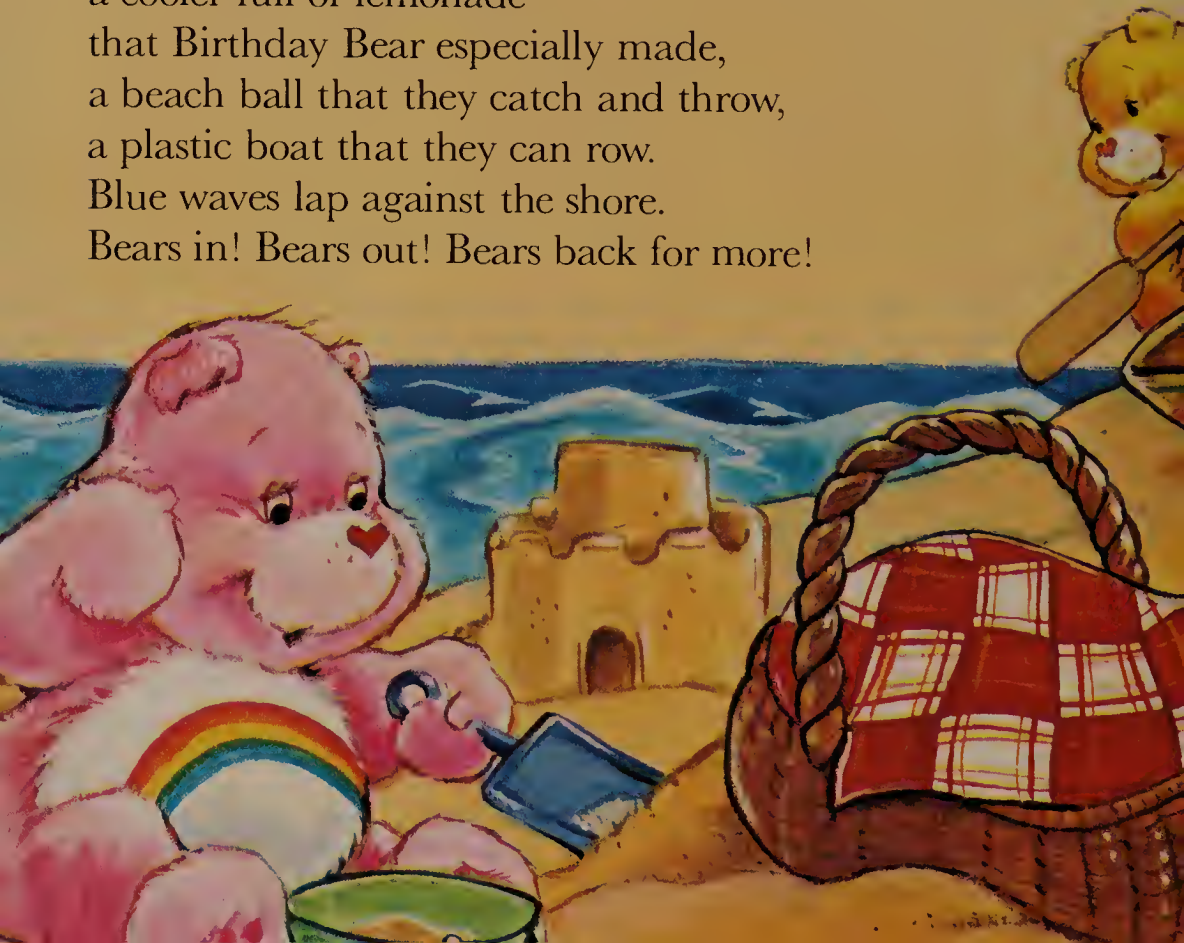


July

It's not the end of the Fourth of July
when the marching bands have all marched by.
And dessert at a backyard barbecue
doesn't mean the celebration's through.
At night—or so the Care Bears say—
comes the best part of the holiday!
With a bang and a boom stars explode, burning bright.
“Ah!” say the Care Bears. “Oh! What a sight!”
Sparkling colors zoom and cascade,
glow in the darkness, glimmer and fade.
Fireworks! One final fantastic display
at last marks the end of Independence Day!

August

In August all the Care Bears reach
for shovels and buckets and head for the beach!
They bring a basket packed with lunch—
a bunch of sandwiches to munch—
a cooler full of lemonade
that Birthday Bear especially made,
a beach ball that they catch and throw,
a plastic boat that they can row.
Blue waves lap against the shore.
Bears in! Bears out! Bears back for more!







September

In September, Tenderheart hums
while tending bronze chrysanthemums.
Tomatoes all turn ripe and red,
and apples dangle overhead.
Above a pond the Care Bears see
some wild geese flying in a V.
The lazy days of summer end,
and autumn waits around the bend.





October

The night wind swishes,
a black cat hisses,
an owl hoots in a tree.
And pumpkins all wear glowing grins.
Now which month can it be?

Strange creatures roam
from home to home
along the winding street.
Beware of ghosts and goblins.
It's time to trick-or-treat!

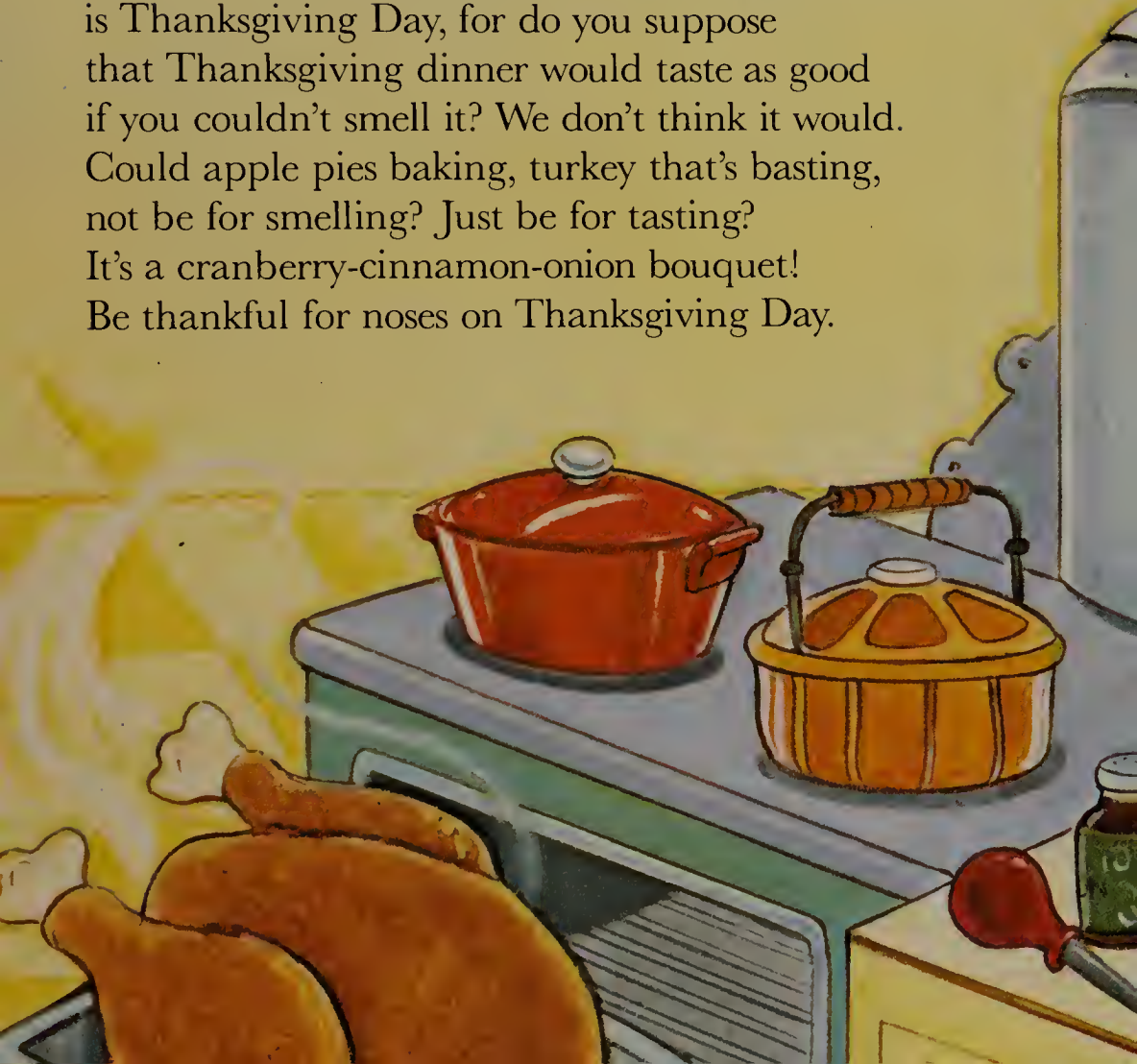


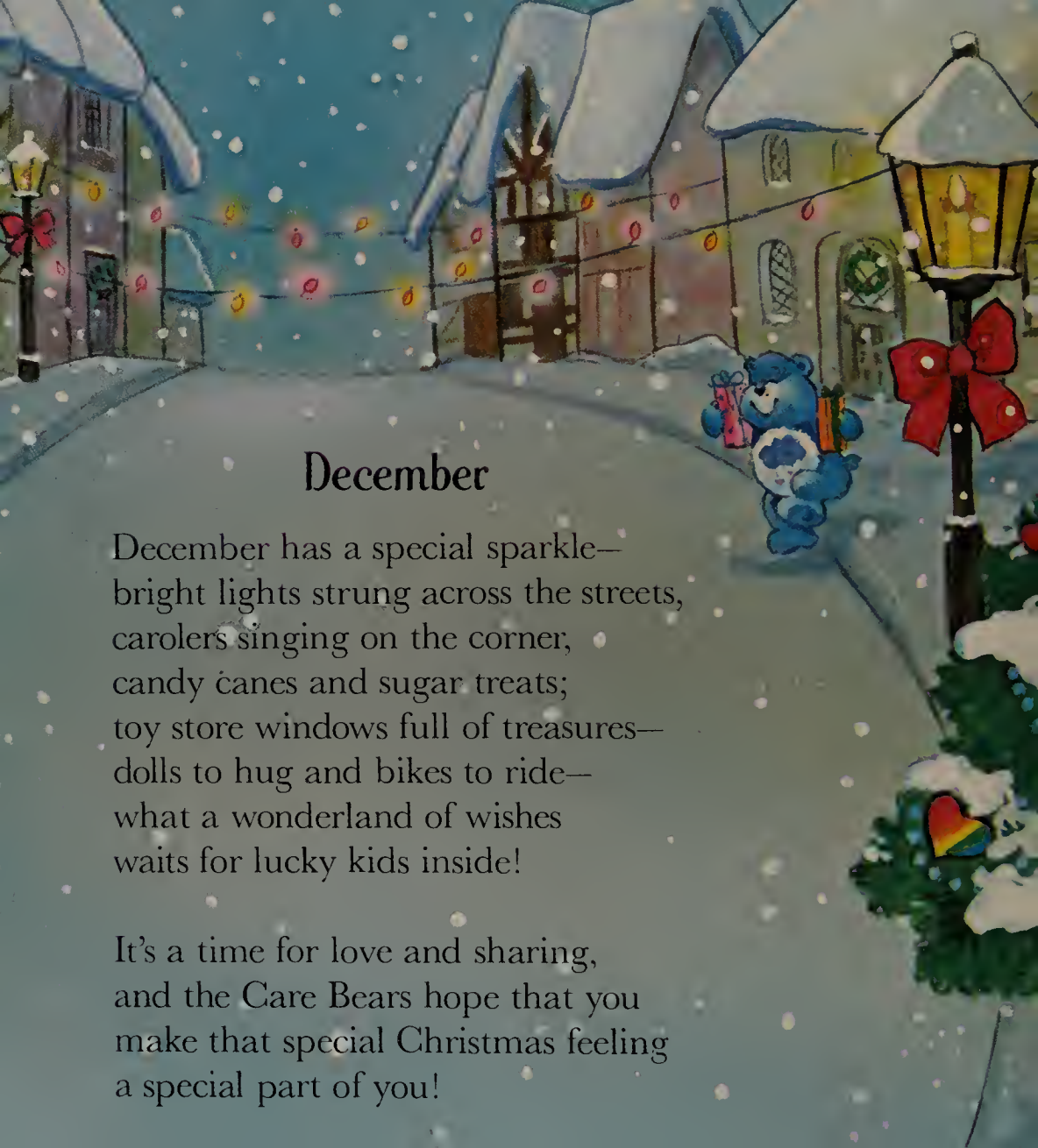




November

The day to give thanks for having a nose
is Thanksgiving Day, for do you suppose
that Thanksgiving dinner would taste as good
if you couldn't smell it? We don't think it would.
Could apple pies baking, turkey that's basting,
not be for smelling? Just be for tasting?
It's a cranberry-cinnamon-onion bouquet!
Be thankful for noses on Thanksgiving Day.





December

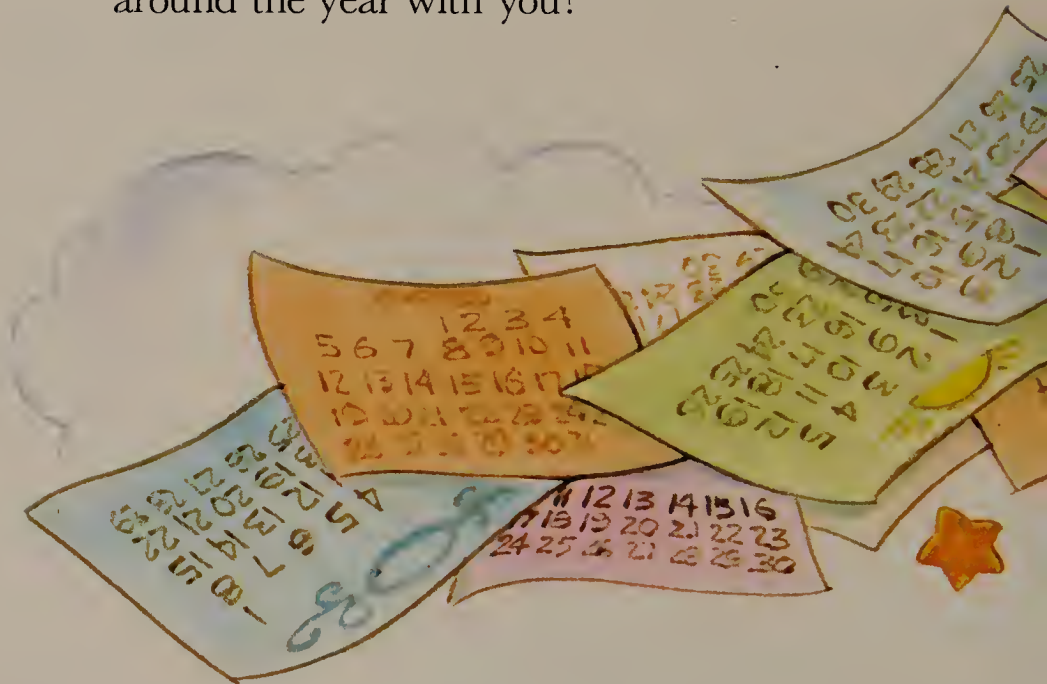
December has a special sparkle—
bright lights strung across the streets,
carolers singing on the corner,
candy canes and sugar treats;
toy store windows full of treasures—
dolls to hug and bikes to ride—
what a wonderland of wishes
waits for lucky kids inside!

It's a time for love and sharing,
and the Care Bears hope that you
make that special Christmas feeling
a special part of you!



Farewell

You have traveled with the Care Bears
as they marched around the year.
They're happy that you came along.
They're happy you were here.
They hope that in the months to come—
no matter what you do—
you'll take memories of Care Bears
around the year with you!





Other books to add to your Care Bear library

BEDTIME BEAR'S BOOK OF BEDTIME POEMS
BIRTHDAY BEAR'S BOOK OF BIRTHDAY POEMS
THE CARE BEARS' BOOK OF ABC'S
THE CARE BEARS HELP SANTA

Come along with the Care Bears as they
frolic through the year with a rhyming poem
to catch the spirit of each month!

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